

HOUSE RESOLUTION 199

By Parkinson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Candous Brown for her meritorious service to the students of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Candous Brown is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown is an English teacher at Raleigh-Egypt High School in Memphis, where she is a valued mentor and an instructor of the highest order; her dedication and ingenuity are evident in the extraordinary lengths to which she goes to reach her students and to make content accessible to them; and

WHEREAS, on one occasion, when school had been closed for several days due to snow, Candous Brown received a message from a few of her students who needed help with their homework assignment; in response, she began a Facebook livestream, which became a de facto virtual class with forty of her students in attendance of their own volition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown also utilized Facebook to share her rendition of the popular rap song "Bodak Yellow" by Cardi B., which she recorded with new lyrics to motivate her senior students to step into their role as leaders at their school; the song was a hit—it garnered some radio play and is being called the 2018 Senior Anthem; and

WHEREAS, Candous Brown is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Candous Brown truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Candous Brown for her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.